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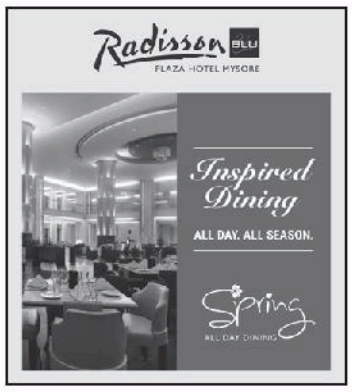



# PM Modi to be invited for MMC&RI centenary event

▶ MP holds meeting with Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) authorities

▶ Rs. 100 crore to be raised through State Budget allocation, alumni contribution, CSR funding

Modi

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be invited for the centenary celebrations of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), reckoned to be one of the country's oldest medical colleges. Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had established the institution in 1924 and the centenary falls in 2024.

It is Karnataka's first medical college and India's seventh and the MMC&RI management has planned to celebrate the occasion in a memorable manner. With the recent State Budget allocating Rs. 89 crore for its renovation, the celebratory mood at MMC&RI has only got better.

*Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha chairing a meeting at MMC&RI this morning as others look on.*

A preliminary meeting was held at the MMC&RI this morning chaired by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha where it was decided to invite PM Modi for the grand centenary event and the college authorities were asked by the MP to raise the bar and complete 100 percent renovation works before the celebrations.

A corpus of Rs. 100 crore is required for renovation and celebrations and Rs. 89 crore has already been allocated by the Basavaraj Bommai Government. "The remaining amount must be raised from MMC&RI alumni and also from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of several multinational companies and industrial giants operating from Mysuru," he said.

"Due to COVID, PM Modi had delivered the centenary convocation address of University of Mysore virtually on Oct. 19, 2020. With the pandemic in its end stage now, we will urge the PM to be physically present for the MMC&RI centenary," Simha later told *Star of Mysore*.

**(See MMC&RI on page 7)**

**To Our Readers**

*Turn to Page-6 for K.B. Ganapathy's Abracadabra titled* ***"Musings on first woman 'Chairman' of SBI."*** **—Ed**

## MRC pays Property Tax of Rs. 2.55 crore in protest

If vacant spaces of sports activities are taxed, it is a death knell for sports: MRC Chairman

*MRC Chairman Y.B. Ganesh handing over the cheque to MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy yesterday.*

Mysuru Mar. 9 (BCT)- The Mysore Race Club (MRC) has paid a Property Tax of Rs. 2.55 crore to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for 2021-22. In a press release, the MRC has stated that they paid the tax under protest against higher Property Tax classification where vacant spaces are taxed.

The MRC has been promptly paying Property Tax of Rs. 52 lakh per year. For the taxation year 2021-22, the MRC received a demand for Rs. 2.55 crore, a 500 percent increase when compared to the Property Tax paid last year (2020-21).

"While MRC has made several representations to Government authorities to reduce Property Tax, considering the fact that MRC has always been a prompt tax payer in the past, the MRC has remitted the demanded Property Tax amounting to Rs.2.55 crore under protest. This tax has been paid for the entire MRC premises including Mysore Race Club Golf Course," the press release stated.

**(See MRC on page 7)**

## 'Super commercial' category in Property Tax withdrawn

From April 1, it will be uniform tax for all commercial properties in Mysuru

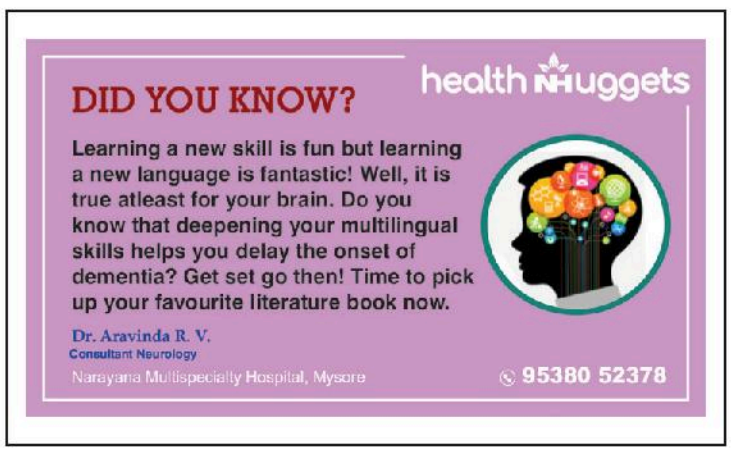
Mysuru Mar. 9 (PM&BCT)- In a major relief to the business and trading communities of Mysuru, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has withdrawn the 'super commercial' Property Tax category. In an order issued on Feb. 23, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy has stated that uniform rates of taxes will be levied for all commercial properties from April 1.

With the order, curtains have come down on the MCC's move to levy a special tax that did not exist even in metropolitan cities like Bengaluru. When compared to cities like Bengaluru and Hubballi-Dharwad, commercial property owners in Mysuru paid more tax and this had led to discontentment among the business community.

For 15 years, they were demanding the withdrawal of the 'super commercial' category and now the de-classifying of commercial taxes into a single category as 'commercial' will ease the tax burden on choultries, cinema theatres, commercial complexes, lodges and other properties.

The Commissioner has stated in his order that the notification on withdrawing the 'super commercial' category has been issued in anticipation of approval from the MCC Council.

**(See TAX on page 7)**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# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Wednesday 9th March 2022


## Applications invited for GoRuCha Endowment Fund Award

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates (litterateurs/writers) for GoRuCha Endowment Fund Award.

*GoRuCha*

**About GoRuCha Endowment Fund**

Folk scholar and Kannada writer Go.Ru. Channabasappa (GoRuCha), who has been leading Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat efficiently serving the cultural sector, was presented with a cheque for Rs. 11,11,111 by his admirers and well-wishers, who set up the GoRuCha Abhinandana Samithi, when the writer turned 85 in the year 2014.

The scholar gifted the amount to the Parishat adding Rs. 4 lakh to it from his pocket. This gifted amount has been instituted as 'GoRuCha Endowment Fund' and the interest accrued from it is being used to honour persons who have been contributing to Sharana Sahitya-Samskruti and Janapada fields (two in each category), every year.

While 'GoRuCha Sharana Prashasti' and 'GoRuCha Janapada Prashasti' carries a purse of Rs. 25,000 each, GoRuCha Sharana Sahitya Grantha Prashasti and GoRuCha Janapada Sahitya Grantha Prashasti carries a purse of Rs. 10,000 each.

Apart from cash prizes, the awardees will be provided with certificates and mementoes at the awards ceremony.

The applicants must submit three copies of books published in the year 2021 either by post, courier or directly visit the office of the President of Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat located at Shivarathreeshvara Circle, 1st Main Road, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bengaluru-560070 before Apr. 30, according to a press release from Parishat President Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

*It's 2022. Most of us in India (me in-included), still cannot do without the maid. Yes, we need one even in this, age of floor-cleaning robots, dishwashers and what have you! With each of the maids I have known, chai-time charcha has thrown up some truly memorable interactions.*

*With Kala, my most interesting maid of all time, there was never a dull start to my day. She came to work one day at 8 am, wearing a string of jasmine flowers in her hair tied in a neat bun. She had a spring in her step and smelled of men's cologne. I asked her about the perfume and she looked at me coyly and said: "I made koli saaru (chicken sambar) last night for dinner. This morning my husband gave me flowers and hugged me before he left home." Hugs don't lie.*

*I asked if it was a special day. "No Amma. I let him do these things so I know if the perfume changes when he gets home." Ah-ha! And on days when the man trotted off to meet friends, Kala activated her 'spy network of friends' at street corners near her house. "They tell me which direction he went and with whom. If his story doesn't check out at night, I make sure he hears my loud voice as do our neighbours."*

*I think I almost choked on my chai that day. Lady jasoos was in my house!*

*— Rasshme Rao in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Worker exercised a year for anime character body

Tokyo: A young Japanese office worker has allegedly been doing ab wheel exercises every day for the last year in order to attain the muscular body of his favorite anime character, Inosuke Hashibira.

Last year, the 33-year-old office worker, known only by his Twitter handle (@Inosuke-Workout) posted photos of his body on the microblogging social network, announcing that he was going to start doing ab wheel exercises in order to achieve the toned physique of Inosuke Hashibira. Sporting the character's iconic wild boar mask, the mysterious man then started daily videos of himself doing ab wheel exercises, and documenting his progress through photos.

He started his project at 70.1 kg and after 365 days and almost 36,000 ab wheel exercises, he weighed just 57 kilos. The results of his work were pretty remarkable and his Twitter community had grown quite a bit, so he decided to report his one-year achievements.

### Rare condition makes boy feel ever hungry

Singapore: David, a 10-year-old boy from Singapore, was diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome, a complex genetic condition that makes him feel hungry no matter how much he eats.

Imagine filling your stomach with copious amounts of nutritious food and never actually experiencing that sensation of fullness that we know as 'satiety'.

That is what David has to deal with every day of his life. He suffers from a complex rare disease called Prader-Willi Syndrome, which, among other serious symptoms, leaves sufferers feeling hungry regardless of how much they eat. It is caused by the loss of function of genes in a certain region of chromosome 15 and it is incurable.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Your kidneys can filter about 150-200 liters of blood every day - Enough to fill a small bathtub!

*By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrology &Transplant Physician Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Applications invited under Ganga Kalyana Scheme

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SSM) - D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Community Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible small and micro farmers belonging to Backward Class Community — Category-1, 2A, 3A, 3B (barring Vishwakarma, Uppara, Ambiga, Savitha, Madiwala, Kadugolla, Hattigolla, nomadic and semi-nomadic community, Vokkaliga, Lingayat, Marathi and other sub-castes) for availing loans and subsidies under Ganga Kalyana Scheme for the year 2021-22.

Applicants must have a minimum of 2 to 5 acres land and their annual income should not exceed Rs. 40,000. They must own at least one acre of land in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Kodagu, Hassan, Chikkamagalur or Shivamogga districts without any irrigation facilities.

Eligible farmers must submit applications before Mar. 17.

For details, log on to *https://dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in/english* or contact the Helpline number: 080-22374832 or the District Office on Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a press release from the Corporation.

## REALLY...?

- ***George Washington had only one original tooth by the time of his inauguration:*** *George Washington, 1st U.S. President, started losing his teeth in his mid-20s. He also suffered from toothaches throughout his life. By 1789, the year he was inaugurated, he wore a set of fake teeth despite the fact that he was just 57 years old.*
- ***Joseph Stalin wanted to be a priest:*** *Before Joseph Stalin indulged in politics and became General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, he wanted to be a priest in the Russian Orthodox Church. He even went so far as to attend the Tbilisi Theological Seminary on a full scholarship. Think about how history would have turned out if he'd have become a priest.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Shankar and Pritam are driving. Shankar gets out of the car and stands in a field. Pritam walks all the way out to Shankar and asks:*** *"What are you doing?"*
***Shankar:*** *"I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize."*
*"How?"* ***asks Pritam.***
***Shankar:*** *"I heard they give the Nobel to people who are outstanding in their field!!"*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 76.80 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 100.81 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.91 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 83.93 |

## COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

| | MARCH 7 | MARCH 8 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 14 | 9 |
| Total Positive Cases | 2,29,357 | 2,29,366 |
| Day's Discharges | 19 | 8 |
| Total Discharges | 2,26,726 | 2,26,734 |
| Day's Deaths | 0 | 1 |
| Total Deaths | 2,556 | 2,557 |
| Total Active Cases | 75 | 75 |

*NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin*

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Dangerous metal barricades sans reflecting stickers

Sir,

Though the idea of installing metal barricades as speed breakers instead of unscientifically executed speed breakers of various sizes and shapes, is definitely praise-worthy, the condition of most of the metal barricades are not satisfactory.

Most of the metal barricades installed by the authorities concerned are not visible during night hours, since no reflecting stickers are fixed on these barricades. Such barricades invite unavoidable and unwanted accidents, especially involving two-wheelers. The authorities should strictly instruct their sub-ordinates to fix metal barricades having reflecting stickers only and not the barricades without any reflecting stickers.

**—K. Chandrahas**

Mysuru
18.2.2022

# Sadhguru on 'Save Soil' Campaign

Coimbatore, Mar. 9- Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Founder of Isha Foundation, left the Isha Yoga Centre on Sunday to begin his lone motorcycle journey of 30,000 kms across 27 nations in 100 days as part of the global movement to Save Soil.

The 100-day journey will include engagements with leaders of all 27 nations to urge them to initiate urgent policy action to Save Soil in their countries.

"We have been activating the Save Soil movement for two years now," said the Sadhguru who has been meeting Ministers and leaders of nations for the past eight months.

"The movement is an effort to bring a policy in 192 countries that if you own agricultural land, a minimum of 3-6% organic content should be there (in the soil). This is our responsibility for the future generation," he added.

Sharing details about the policy recommendations of Save Soil movement, Sadhguru said, "We have written policy documents specific to each country depending upon its soil type, its latitudinal position, the region and agricultural traditions of that region; accordingly we have written separate policy documents for every nation."

Sadhguru said his first stop after leaving India will be the United States where he will hold media interactions to bring attention to the issue. He will then travel to the Caribbean islands where 9-11 nations are expected to sign MoUs with the Save Soil movement. During his 100-day journey, Sadhguru will also address the 15th session of the Convention of Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). He will address the international community of business, political and social leaders at the premier global platform for public-private cooperation, the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, to urge them to join the global effort to Save Soil. Both events are scheduled for May.

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Food Programme (WFP) are some of the global agencies that are partnering with Save Soil Movement.

## Yoga and New Wave Foundation Training prog. at Learners College tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Learners PU College, Mysuru, has organised a yoga session for the general public and students at the College's upcoming campus (CA site, #1, Satagalli 2nd Stage, Hanchya road, opposite to Satagalli Bus Depot) tomorrow (Mar. 10). The programme will be initiated under the guidance of Yoga Guru Dr. B.P. Murthy from Chaitanya Yoga Kendra. The session will be held from 6.45 am to 7.45 am.

Also the inaugural session of the New Wave Foundation Training Programme by Learners Digital to be held from 9 am to 10.30 am for BE graduates will be virtually inaugurated by V.R. Rangarajan, Sr VP-NISG, former CEO - Infosys China. Aahlad Karumuru, MD of New Wave India, will address the BE students online.

This will be followed by a farewell event for the outgoing II PU students from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. World's youngest Head Master Babar Ali, who is in city, will address the students.

# Selected for Vanamali and Mathoorji Seva Awards

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Shree Vanamali Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will confer 'Shree Vanamali Samskruti Seva Prashasti' on veteran journalist Dr. G.N. Ranganatha Rao and 'Padmashri Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurthy Samaja Seva Prashasthi' on G.S. Jayadeva of Deenabandhu Trust, Chamarajanagar, at the awards ceremony to be held at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar on Mar. 12 at 5 pm.

The Trust was founded by late Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurthy in 2009. Both awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a citation and Lord Sri Krishna Statuette. Renowned scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry will preside.

**About the awardees**

**Dr. G.N. Ranganatha Rao** was born on January 12, 1942 in a remote village called Gumballi near Yalandur taluk. After his BA he chose "journalism" and in January 1965 joined 'Thayi Naadu,' a Kannada Daily Newspaper as Deputy Editor and in the month of May same year changed over to 'Samyukta Karnataka' as its Deputy Editor.

After two years, in 1967 he entered 'Prajavani' as its Deputy Editor and until the year 2000, he worked as Sub-Editor of the group's weekly and the monthly magazines such as 'Sapthahika Puravani', 'Sudha' and 'Mayura.'

*Dr. Ranganatha*



*Jayadeva*

He was the Executive Editor during the last 13 years of his association with 'Prajavani' group. Between 2014-15, he worked as an Editor for the monthly magazine 'Kasturi.'

After his retirement, he continued to serve as a Professor and Head of the Department of Journalism at some of Bengaluru's prestigious colleges.

He has left an indelible mark by editing and bringing out a book on journalism in Kannada which hitherto no one had done for the benefit of the students of Journalism. He has received 'Khadri Shamanna Award for Journalism' — a highest award instituted in the field of journalism and is a recipient of various prestigious awards from across the State.Now he is leading a retired life at Bengaluru.

Born on Aug. 30, 1951, **G.S. Jayadeva** has a tremendous concern for the underprivileged and the downtrodden. After completing M.Sc in Zoology, he worked as a Professor at the JSS College in Chamarajanagar and Mysuru.

He also served as a Treasurer at Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra of B.R. Hills between 1981 - 1990 and was associated with various developmental works for the upliftment of the soliga tribes of B.R. Hills.

Since 1992, he is serving as the Dharmadarshi of Shakthi Dhama, Mysuru.

In 1992, he started Deenabandhu Trust for taking care of the boys who are orphaned, economically weaker and the underprivileged with a school and a hostel. He was a Visiting Professor at the Mysore University's Vivekananda Peetha.

He is also credited with various books having concern towards preserving the environment and maintaining a healthy society. He has been decorated with the prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava Award as well as various other awards and recognitions. At present, he is a resident of Chamarajanagar.

# 100 more Police Stations to come up in State

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 (KMS&DM)- Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that the Government has decided to set up 100 more Police Stations in the State.

Replying to a question by Congress member B.K. Sangamesh in the State Assembly here on Tuesday, Jnanendra said that administrative approval has already been given for establishment of 100 more Police Stations and to renovate Station buildings which are dilapidated.

Pointing out that Bhadravathi taluk in Shivamogga district has a total of 6 Police Stations, he said that there are plans to set up one more there. Noting that there is space crunch for the setting up of a new Police Station in Bhadravathi, he said that the station can come up if the MLA identifies land and that the construction will commence once land is allotted.

# Four more city students return from Ukraine

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SPN&DM)- Adding to the list of students from Mysuru who returned from war-torn Ukraine, four more students of the city returned home safely on Mar.8. The students were evacuated from Ukraine in flights under 'Operation Ganga' initiative of the Union Government. So far (from Feb.28 to Mar.8), a total of 31 students of the city and district have returned safely. The students who returned yesterday were identified as Mahendrachar, Om Prakash Manu, Srikant and Rakshit Achar, according to an official at the DC's Office.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Office-bearers

*Sharath Kumar*

Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, Director, Mediwave IVF & Fertility Research Hospital, has been unanimously elected as the President of Shree Basaveshwara Balaga, Devaraja Mohalla, (Jayalakshmipuram, V.V. Mohalla, Gokulam, Brindavan Extension, Yadavagiri, Metagalli), Mysuru for the year 2022-24. Other office-bearers are: Secretary - P.N. Basavaraju; Vice-President- C.K. Lokesh; Vice-President (Woman)-Bhagya Prabhakar; Joint Secretary- Prema Swamy; Treasurer- Shashishekar Swamy; Executive Committee Members: Jayapal Aradhya, C.L. Srikantaiah, Yadurayya, Y.B. Prabhuswamy, Manjula, Indiramma, Panchakshari Shetty and Chennamalla Shettru.

### Rotary Kadamba Awardees

*Indira Nayar*

*Deepak*

Rotary Mysuru North and Kadamba Ranga Vedike are jointly presenting Rotary Kadamba Ranga award every year. The award for the year 2022 will be presented to veteran theatre artist Indira Nayar and Organiser & Director Deepak at a function to be held on Mar. 25 at the Rotary Centre in city.

### WATER LEVEL

**KRS DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 124.80 feet |
| Today | : | 112.02 feet |
| Yesterday | : | 112.09 feet |
| Inflow | : | 291 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 994 cusecs |

**KABINI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 feet |
| Today | : | 2275.43 feet |
| Inflow | : | 139 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 900 cusecs |

**HARANGI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 feet |
| Today | : | 2852.61 feet |
| Inflow | : | 44 cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 1,350 cusecs |

## INDIRA CANTEEN REALITY CHECK - 10

# Customers unhappy with public toilet built adjacent to Silk Factory Circle Canteen

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RKB&TRR)- Amidst several problems, the Indira Canteen near Silk Factory in Mysuru South is providing good services to customers.

During *Star of Mysore* reality check, it was observed that the water heater is defunct because of which there is no hot water to wash utensils, plates and glasses used by the customers. Also, of the two CCTV cameras, one is not functioning properly as its video display has gone haywire. Two lights in the back side of the canteen are also not working.

Apart from these problems, there is no much complaint about the food provided at the canteen. College students, construction workers and middle class people form the major chunk of customers here. On Mondays Idly and Puliyogare are provided for breakfast and Rice and Sambar for lunch, all of which are fully consumed by 2 pm and there is no food to customers who come late. During the reality check, it was noticed that about 25-30 customers were sent back due to lack of food.

"Compared to other Indira Canteens, the number of customers for breakfast and lunch are more here. On some days we see shortage of customer for breakfast even after 11.30 am. Same situation for lunch also. The remaining food is taken back by the company. Since dinner is served free, all the food will be consumed," says supervisor Manjula.

There are, of course, complaints about the quality of curd rice supplied here too. Another customer feels that it is better if sambar is served with idly for at least a couple of days in a week.

**Public toilet in Indira canteen premises!**

City Corporation has constructed a public toilet in the premises of Indira Canteen where hundreds of people come everyday to have their food. Though it is not open for public use yet, the canteen and toilet have a common entry. Some customers have objected to this and questioned the Corporation's wisdom of constructing the toilet near the dining place. The public toilet should have a separate entry point and not from the canteen they opined.

Also, a part of the canteen's dining place is being used to store Corporation's materials which has become a problem for customers as they feel shortage of space to have their food if more customers arrive.

# Plugged chlorine cylinder shifted to Chikkamagalur

- Agency which had installed the cylinders shifted the cylinder for diffusing the gas
- Out of 87 persons affected, 27 still undergoing treatment at hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (SBD&KS)- The chlorine cylinder, which had developed leakage and later plugged, was shifted to Chikkamagalur yesterday by the agency which had installed it in city.

After the leaking chlorine cylinder was plugged on Monday at about 5 pm, the Chikkamagalur agency was informed on the same night and the agency staff was summoned to city. Yesterday at about 6 am, the agency staff, who had come to city along with a goods vehicle got the plugged chlorine cylinder placed in the goods vehicle, with a help of a crane and took it to Chikkamagalur to diffuse the gas.

All the roads leading to the park, near Railway Loco Quarters and close to Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) where the chlorine cylinder was installed were blocked during the shifting process. The roads were opened for traffic only after the agency staff shifted the chlorine cylinder from the spot.

**Chlorine cylinder installed in 2015**

The Chikkamagalur agency in 2015 had installed chlorine cylinder for the purification process of borewell water, which was then being supplied to the Railway Quarters. As VVWW began to supply Cauvery water to the quarters, the chlorine cylinder was not being used since about two years.

**Total 87 persons affected; 27 still under treatment**

Following the leakage of chlorine at about 3 pm on Monday, the chlorine gas had spread in the air affecting motorists, pedestrians and others on KRS Road and Yadavagiri Road and even residents of Railway Loco Quarters.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel, Railway and City Police, who had rushed to the spot, also took ill and all of them were rushed to the Railway Hospital and later shifted to KRS Hospital. In all, a total of 87 persons took ill after inhaling chlorine and 27 persons are still undergoing treatment.

A total of 31 persons including Railway staff and their family members were treated as outpatients at the Railway Hospital. While Railway employees were admitted as inpatients later, the rest were shifted to K.R. Hospital. Four patients were admitted to a private hospital in city and many patients recovered and discharged from the hospitals.

Meanwhile, 12 patients in Railway Hospital, 11 in K.R. Hospital and four patients in private hospitals are still undergoing treatment.

Three children admitted at K.R. Hospital and one person in a private hospital are undergoing treatment in ICUs and all of them are recovering.

# Why we should oppose Chamundi Hill ropeway?

By Bhamy V. Shenoy

- Will the ropeway reduce vehicular traffic? No
- Will tourists pay for a limited scenic ride? No
- Is the project economically viable? No
- Will it disrupt sensitive ecosystem? Yes
- Will it destroy spiritual environment? Yes
- Is it destined to be an eyesore finally? Yes

*Bhamy*

Ever since the Karnataka Government has approved the ropeway project to promote tourism on Nandi Hills, some section of Mysuru has started to urge the Government for a similar ropeway project for our Chamundi Hill also.

In his budget-2022 on Mar. 4, the CM announced a slew of projects for Mysuru including a proposal to be sent under 'Parvatamala Scheme of Central Government' for construction of a ropeway in Chamundi Hill of Mysuru and Mullayanagiri Dattapeeta Betta of Chikkamagaluru to promote tourism.

I am sure that there are enough political leaders to support such an environmentally-unfriendly project, despite its environmental impact.

For the present, the Forest Department is not in favour of the Nandi Hills ropeway project. More than likely they will oppose the ropeway project in Mysuru also. But for how long?

Given the political reality, it is only the most daring and really concerned forest official who will refuse to give environmental clearance. It is worth recalling here that Mysuru was lucky in having one such officer Vinay Kumar, who refused to give permission to fell trees in Peoples' Park. It was because of his daring act, Mysuru still has Peoples' Park today.

In the past, a ropeway project has been suggested for Chamundi Hill several times. First time in 1994, the Karnataka Government had signed a BOT (build, operate and transfer) contract for constructing a ropeway with Sikka Traders for Rs. 6.5 crore. Because of the protests led by the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) it was dropped.

Each time environmentalists have succeeded in convincing the Government to drop the project. But time has changed now. Despite the protest, the Government succeeded in constructing multi-level parking on Chamundi Hill and also mindless concretisation of the Hill.

However, if we start opposing the project even before it is on the drawing board, we may stand some chance of saving the Hill from further environmental vandalisation. Let me give just a few sound arguments against the ropeway. These are backed by equally sound rational thinking and convincing examples.

1. One argument in support of ropeway is that it will reduce vehicular traffic and it is the increasing vehicular traffic which has resulted in the recent road caving. Ropeway will in no way reduce vehicular traffic. There is no scientific basis for arguing that the collapse/caving of roads is because of vehicular traffic. Such caving happens in many hills even in the absence of any vehicular traffic. It is mostly affected by rainfalls and the nature of the hills.

2. To claim that installation of a ropeway will lead to promoting tourism is also not backed by any data. Tourists are ready to spend money on a ropeway when the scenery is spectacular to enjoy or an area difficult or impossible to reach. In the case of Chamundi Hill, this is not the case. In fact one can argue that the ropeway will affect the biodiversity and natural beauty of the hill. Chamundi Hill is already threatened by unsustainable development. The best way to promote tourism is for us to leave nature to itself without any human intervention like constructing a ropeway.

3. I have often given the example of such extravagant investment under communist rule in Georgia, one of the countries under the Soviet Union. This may look like just one example which may have no relevance to Mysuru. I think otherwise. Under the communist rule, there was no accountability to hold leaders responsible. The rate of return on investment was not a consideration. A ropeway was constructed in a hill which is similar to Chamundi Hill without considering economic viability. When I visited the place a few years back, it was totally in ruins. It never resulted in more tourists. Today the ropeway is an eyesore. It is my prediction that if any ropeway is built by the Government (no sane private party will invest unless the Government gives direct or indirect subsidies), within a few months it will be closed down and become an eyesore.

4. Even non-experts will argue that construction of the ropeway will result in felling trees, have a huge impact on wild animals and affect the rich biodiversity. When the world is facing the existential crisis of climate change, why are we bent upon undertaking projects like this which increases energy consumption?

5. It is high time we take a scientific survey to find out the true reasons for tourists coming to Mysuru and particularly to Chamundi Hill. To make a claim that there is no new attraction for tourists to Mysuru is simply unbelievable. Why should there be a new attraction when we have so many attractions already? It is like arguing that Agra needs new attractions. In the case of Chamundi Hill, one can argue that by the so-called development, we are killing tourism. Many come to Chamundi Hill for the spiritual environment (which is more or less disappearing the way commercial interests have taken over) and for the rich biodiversity.

Instead of paying attention to these two factors, we are doing just the opposite. It is time that we the people start asking some inconvenient questions. Should we invest in an environmentally unfriendly ropeway project which has doubtful economics? Or should we give high priority to providing libraries and urgently needed toilets to our Government schools? It is shameful and sad that even after 75 years of getting independence, 63 percent of Government schools do not have proper toilets.

## Rider killed

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (RK&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed in an accident on Nanjangud Road yesterday. The deceased has been identified as P. Nagaraj, son of late Puttashetty and a resident of Kodasoge village in Gundlupet. He was working in city.

Yesterday evening, Nagaraj was returning to Mysuru from his native place on his bike (KA-10-EB-6797) and when he neared K.N. Pura, he rammed into a tempo (KA-08-4077) from behind. It is learnt that the tempo driver had applied brakes all of a sudden as a vehicle came in front of it suddenly. As the bike rider was too close to the tempo, he was unable to control the bike and rammed into it from behind.

Though Nagaraj was rushed to K.R. Hospital, the doctors declared him brought dead and the body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary. Mysuru South Rural Police have registered a case. After post-mortem this morning, body was handed over to family.

## Mysterious sound

Srirangapatna, Mar. 9 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A mysterious sound followed by tremors has shocked people of the taluk yesterday. At about 3.20 pm, a loud sound was heard and tremors were felt at Mahadevapura, ISKCON, Srirangapatna, Palahalli, Mogarahalli & Manti. As soon as the loud sound was heard, people rushed out of their buildings in fear. Such sounds were heard earlier too in KRS area.

When Tahsildar Shweta was contacted, she said that the sound had caused a sense of fear among the people, but nothing has been reported at the Mines and Geology Department. But still, information in this regard will be collected, she added.

## Jumbo attack, 1 killed

Chamarajanagar, Mar. 9 (SS&KS)- A farmer was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Tiganare village near Talawadi in Tamil Nadu. The deceased farmer is Mahadeva (50) of Tiganare.

Mahadeva, who had grown sugarcane, had gone to his field in the night to protect the crops from wild animals during which a wild elephant entered the field. Mahadeva, in a bid to protect his sugarcane crops, tried to chase the wild elephant away but the elephant attacked him & trampled him to death, villagers said.

Villagers complained that wild animals have been destroying standing crops since about six months. Pointing out that it has become very difficult to protect their crops from wild animals, they alleged that the Forest Department was not taking any steps to prevent wild animals from destroying their crops.

# Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

# Musings on first woman 'Chairman' of SBI –1

On 25.2.22, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, city's well-known physician, gave me a signed book titled 'Indomitable,' an autobiography of Arundhati Bhattacharya, former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI). He also gave me some star fruits from his backyard garden. Being ripe, we found it quite tasty sans the usual tang. Thank you doctor. Since I finished reading the book, with a bombastic title and of 320 pages, in neat 10 days, I decided to write about it, not review, as I found the book very unique, rather rare, for the genre of writing an autobiography.

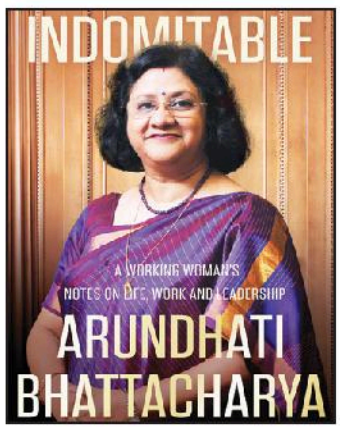
It is a universal truth that this is a man-dominated world and women achievers in the competition in various walks of life are very few. And when we find one like, for example, Indra Nooyi of PepsiCo or as in the present case Arundhati Bhattacharya perching happy at the acme of this professional organisation we hail the person and shower encomiums no end. And indeed they deserve.

The book gives a sample of male chauvinism when Arundhati Bhattacharya becomes the first-ever woman Chairman — Chairperson — or just Chair (!) of the State Bank of India.

Within a day of her taking over, she was due to leave for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting in Washington DC. Arundhati had asked for her visiting cards to be printed as 'Chairperson, State Bank of India.'

However, when the sample card arrived, the SBI's legal department (apparently dominated by men) nixed it by commenting that the SBI Act (of centuries old) had no such designation. Therefore, this woman Chairperson should stick to the title of the 'Chairman.' So she had to go to Washington carrying the visiting card that read, 'Chairman, State Bank of India.'

Reading this, I was left thinking if this woman 'Chairman' took steps to correct this anomaly by making required amendment to this moth-eaten SBI Act, drafted 210 years ago by the British when it was the 'Imperial Bank of England' and




adopted by free India in 1955.

If she has not done this, she has faulted or failed as the head of SBI in correcting this wrong. If her efforts failed, she should have written about it in the book. I know many of our laws, including jail manuals, smack of colonial mindset and those pro-British laws and rules are allowed to remain in the statute book as in the case of SBI Act.

Many leaders talk of correcting these colonial vestiges, but never get down to rectify them. Hope Arundhati might have taken action to get her visiting card printed as 'Chairperson' after she returned from Washington. She owes to her readers information on this matter in the next edition of the book.

Arundhati comes from an ideal Hindu middle-class family of Bengali origin. Her father was an Electrical Engineer who worked for Bhilai Steel Factory. His was a love marriage in 1947. He was a Brahmin and wife Kayastha. Arundhati is the youngest of the three siblings — a sister and a brother. Undergoes usual problems in pursuing education and the family did not seem to have faced any severe dire situations in the life's early journey — knowing the Indian middle-class she did not have to have an 'indomitable' spirit to overcome those situations described in the book. In a way it was lucky for this youngest sibling that her education up to Post-Graduation in English Literature was just hunky-dory. She displayed qualities of taking decisions and pursuing her goal with determination even as a student.

In an outspoken way, Arundhati writes about her birth — "It was totally unplanned." Her parents could hardly afford another child. Her father, being the bread-winner of the family did not want the new addition to the family. He decides to abort the pregnancy but her mother vetoes it. So the rickshaw in which they had gone to the clinic was asked to take them back home. Here is an interesting conversation between husband and wife in the rickshaw in Arundhati's words:

"On their way back, my mother told my father that she firmly believed that the newborn would come with its own destiny. If he or she was meant to grow up in poverty, so be it. But she would be the last person to stand in its way and he must have faith that all things happen for a reason."

What a philosophy of hope!

Well, in retrospect there seems to be some truth in what Arundhati's mother told her father in the rickshaw. Three months after her birth, the family's luck turned the corner. Her father landed a decent job through the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and posted to Bhilai Steel Factory. Interestingly, her mother received a prize (for gardening) from Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev when he visited Bhilai for its factory inauguration. It was built with Soviet collaboration.

Her mother was a homoeopathic doctor and a very good one at that. It was she who diagnosed Arundhati's paratyphoid. Her mother's philosophy, the second one I think, that **'it is easy to give in to helplessness. But it is so much better to stand and fight.'** Her mother encouraged her to read books, have friends at all times — good times and bad times.

To ease the burden of the family, with her father retired from service without pension, Arundhati thinks of taking up a job even as she was graduating in English Literature. Indian Administrative Service (IAS) was the No. 1 choice but with English alone as her subject, she could not venture into IAS. So she takes the entrance exams for the Probationary Officers at Banks. She took the exam. Succeeded and her new journey in life began.

**[To be continued]**

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# GST officer from Kollegal collects Rs. 399.36 crore tax dues

## Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman honours him with Presidential Award

Kollegal, Mar. 9 (Nagendraswamy & BCT)- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman conferred the Presidential Awards in the form of Appreciation Certificates and Medals for "Exceptionally Meritorious Service at Risk to Life" and "Specially Distinguished Record of Service" to the officers and staff of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) in Bengaluru recently.

M. Mahesh Kumar, Superintendent, Central Goods and Services Tax, Bengaluru, received the medal at the event for bringing to book tax evaders resulting in revenue of Rs. 480 crore to the Centre. Mahesh Kumar is a resident of Bheemanagar in Kollegal. Notably, Mahesh Kumar single-handedly collected Rs. 399.36 crore and remitted the same to the Tax Department.

In her address, Nirmala Sitharaman noted that the profiles of the awardees show the real threats to life the officers face while discharging their duties. She lauded the efforts of all the officers of CBIC especially the officers of customs in rising to the occasion with a spirit of service during COVID lockdown and ensuring quick clearances of essential cargo in the most difficult times.

She also stressed the importance of such events wherein the family members of the officers, especially the children of the awardees are a part and thereby the values of service could be passed on from one generation to another.

Medals were awarded to 22 officers and staff for the year 2021, and 29 officers and staff for the year 2022, in recognition of their exemplary performance in their respective fields over the years.

The exceptional service rendered by these officers and staff over the years, in various assignments, from all cadres of the service, has been instrumental in improved public service delivery as well as in safeguarding the economic frontiers of the country.

They have consistently performed with distinction in various assignments, including prevention of smuggling, detection of tax evasion, detection of trade-based money laundering and foreign exchange violations, besides contributing to tax policy formulation, revenue mobilisation, automation of business processes, capacity building and training, said a communiqué from PIB.

# Industrial Townships to come up in five zones

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 (KMS & DM)- Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani said that as a bid to promote major industries in tier-2 cities as well, the Government has planned to set up Industrial Townships in five zones of the State.

Replying to a question by JD(S) MLC C.N. Manjegowda in the Legislative Council yesterday, Nirani said that the Government is also considering establishment of residential complex close to these Industrial Townships under the concept of 'Walk to Work'.

Maintaining that the Government will provide all necessary infrastructure for the establishment of Townships, he said that the cities to be covered under this plan include Tumakuru, Kalaburagi and Belagavi. The Government will extend all support and co-operation for investors who come forward for setting up large industries, he added.

Replying to another question on appointment of Kannadigas in industries, he said that as per Dr. Sarojini Mahishi Report, the number of Kannadigas should be 85 percent of the total staff in industries. Action will be taken against such industries who do not follow this norm, he asserted.

# Mandya MP Sumalatha meets top Railway officials in city

*Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish addressing the media after submitting a memorandum to SWR Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal at the latter's office in city this morning as Railway officials look on.*

Mysuru, Mar.9 (RKB&DM)-Seeking redressal of long pending Railway issues concerning her Lok Sabha Constituency, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish met South Western Railway (SWR) Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal at his office near City Railway Station this morning and submitted a memorandum that listed Railway issues that needs immediate attention of the Department.

Railway officials Manjunath Kanamadi, K. Ravichandran and Lohitesh were present.

Speaking to presspersons later, Sumalatha said that she has urged the Railway authorities to provide a stop for all trains with 21 coaches at the historical town of Srirangapatna on Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway Section, resumption of stoppage of trains at Pandavapura Railway Station and construction of a Railway Over-Bridge (ROB) at Mandagere Railway Station in K.R. Pet taluk among others.

Maintaining that sloppy and unscientific works of the subways and RUBs (Railway Under-Bridges) across Mandya district, has led to water logging whenever it rains heavily, she observed that such works need to be carried out with technical expertise and experience.

Sumalatha further said she has demanded stoppage of Mysuru-Dharwad Train at Akkihebbal Station, expedition of RUB works at Hampapura on Mysuru-Hassan Highway, construction of an ROB or RUB at the Level Crossing Gates at Gandhanahalli and Kanchinakere on Mysuru-Hassan Section and construction of an RUB at Lalandevanahalli in K.R. Nagar taluk.

The Mandya MP said that after receiving the memorandum, the DRM has assured her of addressing the issues raised by her, as early as possible.

When asked whether there was a 'credit war' going on between her and Legislators of Mandya district for the ongoing works, Sumalatha argued that the Legislators were playing politics against her. Contending that she will be more satisfied with getting things done rather than taking credit for doing anything significant, she said she is discharging her duties as a responsible MP.

Replying to a question on the ongoing duel between her and local leaders over construction of a bridge at Simsha, Sumalatha said, "I would not like to take credit for anything. I will join the ongoing protest if the Simsha Bridge is really helpful for the people. I have raised many issues concerning Mandya such as illegal mining and quarrying. Unnecessary opposition to development projects will only deprive the people of their benefits in the long run."

When asked whether she has permanently stayed away from films, the Mandya MP, who is also a popular actress, said that she has only taken a break from films due to her political commitments. Noting that the cinema industry has given her everything, she said that at present, she is busy with making a movie titled 'Kranti.'

Answering a question on which party she would support in the 2023 Assembly polls, Sumalatha, who is an Independent MP, merely said that she would support the best candidate.

# MMC&RI centenary event

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For the renovation of MMC&RI and its three teaching hospitals — K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital and PKTB Hospital — many facilities will be shifted to the 220-bed Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and the 120-bed Trauma Care Centre, both on KRS Road.

"Now both the hospitals are lying unused. Shifting, manpower, equipment and other necessities will cost Rs. 35 crore and funds have to be procured from the State Government," Pratap Simha said and directed the authorities to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and submit the same to the State by May this year so that tenders can be called after approval and works can begin by August so that all works can be completed by 2024 August.

As the MMC&RI college building and the hospitals attached to the college are housed in heritage buildings, renovation and restoration must be initiated without altering the original building architecture, the MP noted. In all, 27 facilities at MMC&RI and its hostels have to be renovated.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Chief Administrative Officer Dr. B.N. Veena, Principal Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Resident Medical Officer of K.R. Hospital Dr. Rajesh and engineers from the Public Works Department were present.

# MRC pays Rs. 2.55 crore

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The cheque for Rs. 2.55 crore was handed over to the MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy by MRC Chairman Y.B. Ganesh yesterday.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Ganesh said that the MCC till now was taxing only buildings and now even the vacant area around the buildings too are being taxed. "In fact, the Mysore Race Club and the Mysore Race Club Golf Course come under sports and recreation category and if the huge vacant spaces are taxed, all the sports activities will meet a slow death. We have paid the demanded tax under protest," he said.

Sports and allied activities must actually get tax exemption. "We have appealed to the Government many times to keep sports grounds out of tax purview. Even the Department of Youth Services and Sports has responded positively to our demand and they have communicated the same to the Urban Development Department. We will continue our fight to release vacant sports spaces from the taxation bracket," he added.

# 'Super commercial' category in Property Tax withdrawn

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Earlier, the MCC had categorised the 'super commercial' into 'commercial B' by retaining the other properties in 'commercial A' but the tax rate remained the same and did not help property owners.

According to the data provided to *Star of Mysore* by Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, in 2002, the MCC levied 0.6 percent tax under 'super commercial' category while the actual tax slab rate was 0.5 percent. In 2007 it levied 1.5 percent instead of the tax slab rate of 0.9 percent.

In 2010, the commercial property owners had to pay 1.725 percent 'super commercial' tax instead of the actual 1.035 percent as per the commercial tax slab rate. In 2014, property owners paid 1.984 percent instead of the actual 1.1903 percent and in 2017, while the actual commercial tax slab rate was 1.3688 percent, the property owners had to pay 2.2816 percent under the 'super commercial' category.

In 2021, the actual commercial tax slab rate was 1.317 percent but under the 'super commercial' category, the tax slab was fixed at 1.707 percent.

Questioning the 'super commercial' tax category, property owners had approached the Karnataka High Court and hearing the case, the Court had directed the MCC Commissioner to discuss the tax category with property owners and withdraw the same. "The Court has honoured our relentless fight for justice," Narayanagowda said, thanking all the elected representatives and officers who had supported their cause.

In a press release, Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru (FOAM) President B. S. Prashanth said that the 'super commercial' category property tax has been a burden to entrepreneurs for many years. Now the MCC has announced the withdrawal of this classification and this is the result of a consistent struggle of organisations and associations in Mysuru, he said.


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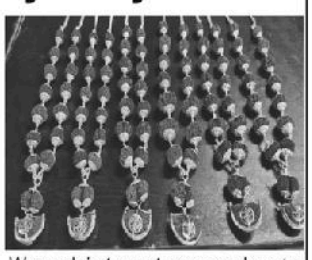

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# Prize winners of Air Force Cup Golf

*A group photo of prize winners of Air Force Cup-2022 held on Feb. 26 and 27 at J.W. Golf Club, Mysuru. Seen are (sitting from left) **Dr. S.L. Narayan (Hon. Treasurer, JWGC), H.S. Arun Kumar (Captain, JWGC), C.S. Ravishankar (President, JWGC), AVSM & VSM Air Marshall J. Chalapathi, Air Commander P. Saravanan and N. Parameshwar (Chairman, Tournament Sub-Committee);** Standing from left: **M.S. Yeshwanth, Abdul Fatah, Balaji Govindaraj, Deepak Kumar Jain, N. Premkumar, C.S. Satyanarayan, M. Chirayu, Wg. Cdr. M.D. Aiyanna, NC(E) Suman Raj, Karan Mallesh, Wg. Cdr. Gaurav Chatur and K.S. Mallappa Gowda.***

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Following are the prize winners of Air Force Cup-2022 held on Feb. 26 and 27 at J.W. Golf Club, Mysuru:

**Strokeplay Gross:** M. Chirayu (76 Gross) - Winner; Wg. Cdr. Gaurav Chatur (77 Gross) - Runner (Better back 9 Over Mr.Hussain Vagh).

**Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12):** Deepak Kumar Jain (68 Net) - Winner; Col. B.N. Somanna (69 Net) - Runner.

**Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18):** Balaji Govindaraj (65 Net) - Winner; Lokesh Mahadevaiah (69 Net) - Runner.

**Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18):** C.S. Satyanarayan (39 Points) - Winner; M.S. Yeshwanth (37 Points) - Runner.

**Stable Ford Net (H/C 19 to 24):** Abdul Fatah (42 Points) - Winner; Karan Mallesh (40 Points) - Runner.

**Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Seniors 65 years & above:** Wg. Cdr. M.D. Aiyanna (41 Points) - Winner; K. Venugopal Raju (38 Points) - Runner.

**Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Super Seniors 75 years & above:** K.S. Mallappa Gowda (33 Points) - Winner.

**Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 18) for Air Force Golfers Only:** Wg. Cdr. B.M. Dhananjay (71 Net) - Winner.

**Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18) for Air Force Golfers Only:** NC€ Suman Raj (35 Points) - Winner.

**Best Lady Golfer (Stable Ford Net H/C 0 to 24):** Priya Kushalappa (35 Points) - Winner.

**Longest Drive - 9th Hole:** M.Chirayu (234 Yards) - Winner.

**Closest To The Pin - 2nd Hole:** Wg. Cdr. M.D. Aiyanna (5 Feet 11 Inches) - Winner.

**Straightest Drive - 5th Hole:** N. Premkumar (On the Line) - Winner.

A total of 195 players took part in the Tournament sponsored by No. 2 Air Force Selection Board, Mysuru, according to a press release from JWGC Hon. Secretary H.D. Thimmappa Gowda and JWGC Tournament Sub-Committee Chiraman N. Parameshwar.

# F.K. Irani Memorial Open Golf Championship

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Following are the prize winners of 32nd edition of F.K. Irani Memorial Open Golf Championship-2022 held on Mar. 5 and 6 at J.W. Golf Club, Mysuru:

**Strokeplay Gross:** M.G. Chengappa (73 Gross) - Winner; Ramesh Kumar Jain (76 Gross) - Runner; **Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12):** Deepak Kumar Jain (71 Net) - Winner; Sandeep Badida (71 Net) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over H.S. Arun Kumar & B.S. Krishna); **Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18):** J. Gautam Pal (66 Net) - Winner; N. Parameshwar (69 Net) - Runner; **Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18):** B.G. Uthaiah (38 Points) - Winner; K.A. Prabhakar (36 Points) - Runner (Better Back 9 Over Dr. H.C. Lokesh Chandra R. Madhusudan).

**Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for seniors 65 years and above:** Dr. H.C. Lokesh Chandra (36 Points) - Winner; R. Madhusudan (36 Points) - Runner.

**Best Sports Club Golfer (Stable Ford Net H/C 0 to 24):** B.S. Krishna (35 Points) - Winner.

A total of 172 players took part in the Championship sponsored by Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Mysuru, according to a press release from JWGC Hon. Secretary H.D. Thimmappa Gowda and Tournament Sub-Committee Chairman N. Parameshwar.

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# Book Fair at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry from Mar. 10 to 13

Mysuru, Mar. 9- A Book Fair has been organised by Kitab-lovers at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinobha Road in city from Mar. 10 to 13.

More than 2 lakh books on thousands of topics by thousands of authors will be on display at the Book Fair which will be attended by a large number of writers, students and reading enthusiasts.

Harpreet Singh Chawla, Organiser says, the purpose of book exhibition is to convey its importance to the youths who stay away from books and literature in the digital world.

The organisation has so far held more than 16 exhibitions across the country.

Briefing about the exhibition, Chawla said that there is a collection of more than 2 lakh books including books on biography, crime, astrology, political scenes, international affairs, cooking, dictionaries, photography, wildlife, encyclopedia, romance, fantasy, religion and science, along with a book of literature, storytelling and poetry.

The best-selling books on various topics will also be displayed in the exhibition which will be open from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

# Government servants must be aware of legal system: Former HC Judge

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MK&DM) - Stressing on the need for Government servants to safeguard Government properties and assets, former High Court Judge N.K. Sudhindra Rao said that the task is vital for them as the properties belong to the public.

He was delivering a talk on the subject 'Our Legal System and Process' at the foundation training programme for the 199th batch of newly appointed probationers of Horticulture, Libraries, Minorities Welfare, Commercial Taxes and Urban Development departments at ATI (Administrative Training Institute) premises here recently.

Emphasising that Government servants and officials need to have a sound knowledge of the working procedures of our legal system, Judge Sudhindra Rao observed that expedition of pending cases in Courts will help the litigants and the public at large.

Advising Government servants against indulging in any wrongdoings, the Judge said that our good work will always come to our help in life.

Maintaining that officials who are representatives of the Government, must keep themselves updated with the latest developments, he said that at the same time, it is equally important to have some level of legal knowledge.

Reiterating that good work in safeguarding Government properties and assets will always remains entrenched in the minds of the people, Judge Rao opined that the work of a Government servant should be satisfactory to his/her own conscience.

In a word of advice, Judge Rao told the Government staff not to sign any papers or records without giving a proper reading to them completely and to correct mistakes if they come to their notice.

He further said that Government staff should remember that Courts are always there to come to their aid during any crisis.

Judge Sudhindra Rao also called upon the probationers to create job opportunities and to make best use of their Government service for the welfare and well-being of the general public.

# MLA Nagendra launches Metagalli School development works

Mysuru, Mar. 9 (MK&DM)- As part of infrastructure improvement in Government schools, MLA L. Nagendra on Monday performed *guddali puja* for development works at Metagalli Government High School located behind Metagalli Police Station on KRS Road in city.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that the works, estimated at Rs.89.08 lakh, has been taken up under special grants announced by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) which has adopted this School.

Noting that Government Schools should overtake Private Schools in infrastructure, the MLA said that the Government is working in that direction.

Maintaining that locals and members of the public should keep the authorities and elected representatives informed about the shortcomings in Government Schools, he said that this will help the Government to take suitable measures.

Contending that Government Schools belong to the public, he stressed on the need for taking care of schools just like our homes.

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Registrar Prof. Rajanna, Executive Engineer Bhaskar, BJP leaders Kumaragowda, Dinesh Gowda, Sanjeevini Kumar, Narasimhamurthy, Roopesh, Mahesh, Madhu, Rukmini, Shobha, Savithri, Satyabhama and others were present.

# 2023 Assembly polls: Siddu to contest from Varuna

*Siddharamaiah*

Bengaluru, Mar. 9 (KMS& DM)- In what appears to be a safe route for him to enter the Assembly again, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has decided to contest the 2023 Assembly polls from his home Constituency Varuna in Mysuru district.

Siddharamaiah had left Varuna for his son Dr. Yathindra and contested from Chamundeshwari and Badami Assembly segments in the 2018 polls. However, Siddharamaiah lost the polls from Chamundeshwari and managed to win in Badami.

Siddharamaiah, who is eyeing the CM's post once again, is leaving no chances this time for ensuring a win, as an emphatic victory may spur him to the post, should the Congress get a majority in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Siddharamaiah, who is a Kuruba leader, considers Varuna as a safe bet for him, as the Constituency has a large number of Kuruba voters and also voters of other communities who support him.

The former CM's plan to contest again from Badami has run into rough weather as some Congress leaders in that Constituency are vehemently opposed to Siddu entering the fray from Badami. Though Siddu thought of contesting from minority-dominated Chamarajpet Assembly segment in Bengaluru city and from Kolar, which has a significant number of Kuruba voters, he shelved the idea and decided to contest again from his home Constituency Varuna, which is considered as a safe seat for him.

# Obituary

**Mahanthappa**

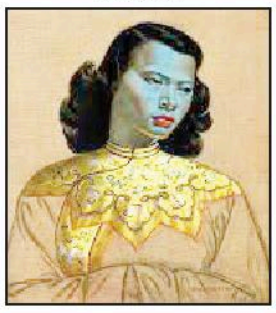
Mysuru, Mar. 9 - Mahanthappa (62), retired Public Prosecutor and former Mysuru Bar Association President, passed away early this morning in Shivamogga following a heart attack. He had also served at the Lokayukta Office in Bengaluru. Mahanthappa had been to Shivamogga on work where he suffered a heart attack and died.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at his native place Chennagiri today.

Mysuru District Bar Association has condoled the death of Mahanthappa.

## WORD OF THE DAY

**Kitsch**



**Pronunciation:** KITCH.
**Meaning:** Kitsch is "something that appeals to popular or lowbrow taste and is often of poor quality."
**Origin:** Kitsch is an early 20th-century borrowing from German, and it refers to things in the realm of popular culture that are tacky, like car mirror dice, plastic flamingos, and dashboard hula dancers.
**Example:** "She got off at the next stop and found herself standing in front of an old coffee shop with fake-pine garlands and fake-velvet bows on its doors. At the thought of yet another year without having a coffee shop of her own to run (though with less kitsch)...." — Charmaine Wilkerson, Black Cake.

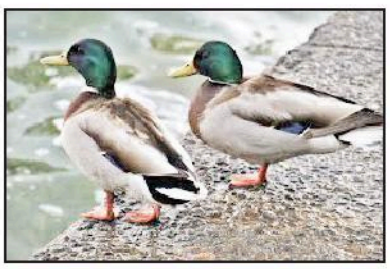
## THE ODD WORD

**Kainotophobia**

Fear of change.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

**Kill two birds with one stone**



**Meaning:** The phrase 'kill two birds with one stone' simply means solving two tasks at the same time or with one single action.
**Origin:** This phrase is dated back to the Roman era – when they literally killed two birds with one stone.
**Example:** "Whenever I jog, I like listening to English rap music. That way, I kill two birds with one stone; I stay fit whilst I improve my English language skills."

## QUOTE BOX

No bird soars too high, if he soars with his own wings.—**William Blake**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GO IV

*Answer: Go for broke.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Danger
5 Three in Italy
8 Doubtful
12 Bible book abbr.
13 Sound of a hiccup?
14 Devdas's lover on screen
15 Major canal
16 Observer; witness
18 High Power Amplifier
19 Criminal jargon
20 Dutch commune
21 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
23 Alcoholic drink
25 Lake Indians of America?
27 Deposing
31 Indian queen
32 Abstract noun suffix
33 Understanding term? (1,3)
34 Skinflint
36 Electrolytically positive pole?
37 Wooden peg, pin, or block
38 Seed coat?
39 Arab sleeveless garment
42 Former India paceman Ashish ___
44 Aide-de-camp, in short
47 Meets formally
49 Hankering
50 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
51 Le Dernier ___ : the last word (Fr.)
52 Food store in short?
53 To pull along
54 Affirmative
55 Application-Specific Integrated Circuit

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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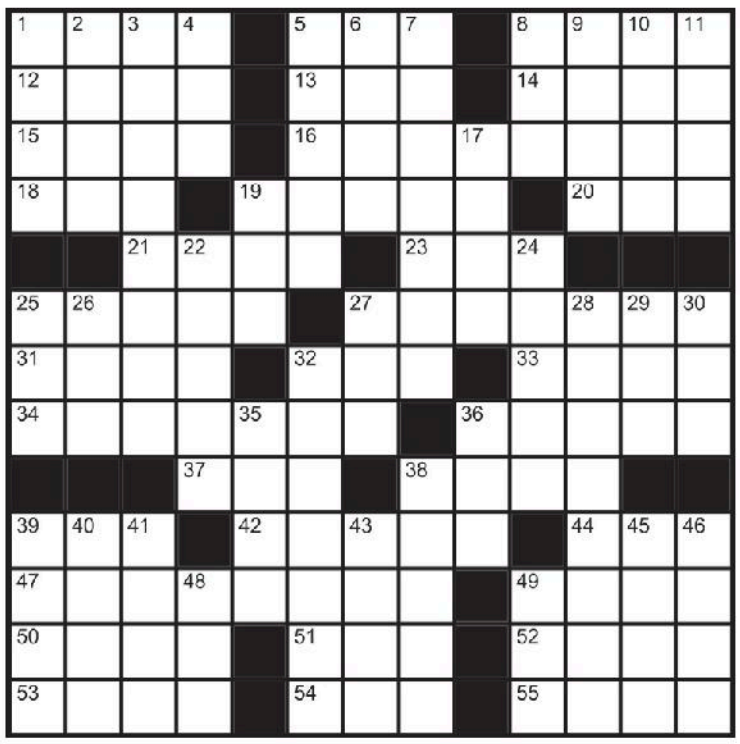
**DOWN**

1 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
2 The game __ __ : you are exposed (2,2)
3 Plagiarizing or pilfering
4 Frequency unit
5 Prickly shrub
6 Sound a bell
7 A pastoral poem
8 Dalal St. deal
9 Sham; false
10 Ex-England paceman Truman
11 Time past
17 Elevator man
19 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
22 Kingly rule
24 Former South African paceman Makhaya ___
25 A type of sea-eagle
26 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
27 Fort near Monterey
28 Segregates or separates
29 Name for a boy or a donkey?
30 A sound of encouragement to a horse
32 Pressing need
35 Top-notch (1-3)
36 Old time classic movie Alam ___
38 Part of a poetic foot
39 A burning liquid
40 Rude and uncouth person
41 Girl's Christian name
43 In this place
45 651 in Roman numerals
46 Stylish
48 RSVP option
49 Gilbert and Sullivan princess



## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
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| 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 8 |
| 5 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**EXPQLID LP CVH AXVASX JUV FHX QVV SFGD**

**QV WHXFQX FSQXHIFQX QLBXSLIXP.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS P**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** I am a kind of paranoiac in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy.

## NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Padma Theatre** Ph: 2521923
  *Valimai (Ta)* 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** Ph: 2452958
  *Valimai (Ta)* 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** Ph: 2520494
  *Old Monkk (K)* 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  *Ek Love Ya (K)* 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** Mob: 9900820093
  *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  *Yellow Board (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** Ph: 2422871
  *Mysuru (K)* - 3 Shows; *Aghora (K)* - 1 Show
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  *The Batman (E)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Ph: 2497199
  *One Story Many Ends (H)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-1) | 10.00 am, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-2) | 1.00 pm; (S-4) 6.35 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-1) | 1.35 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-1) | 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | (S-2) | 10.15 am |
| *Aghora (K)* | (S-2) | 4.25 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-2) | 6.40 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-2) | 10.00 pm |
| *Moksha (K)* | (S-3) | 10.20 am |
| *Valimai (Ta)* | (S-3) | 12.45 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | (S-3) | 4.05 pm |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | (S-3) | 7.00 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.00 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-4) | 1.10 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-4) | 3.45 pm |

### INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-1) | 9.50 am, 1.40 pm, 5.30, 9.20 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-3) | 10.50 am, 5.50 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.55 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-3) | 2.40 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | (S-2) | 12.45 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-2) | 6.40 pm |
| *Puneeth in Aghora (K)* | (S-4) | 10.10 am |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | (S-2) | 9.30 am, 3.20 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-4) | 3.35 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-4) | 12.40 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-4) | 6.50 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS

**Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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|---|---|
| *Jhund (H)* | : 9.55 am, 5.55 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *The Batman (E)* | : 10.35 am, 11 am, 2.40 pm, 5.20 pm 6.20 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | : 11.45 am |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | : 12 noon, 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 10 pm |
| *Aadavallu Meeku Johaarlu (Te)* | : 12.10 pm, 6.45 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | : 1.35 pm |
| *Bheemla Nayak (Te)* | : 2.15 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | : 2.45 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Valimai (Ta)* | : 3.15 pm |
| *Aghora (K)* | : 4.45 pm |
| *Sold (K)* | : 7.15 pm |
| *Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)* | : 9.35 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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|---|---|
| *Mysuru (K)* | : 9.20 am |
| *The Batman (E)* | : 10.50 am, 2.30 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)* | : 11.45 am, 6.10 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | : 11.55 am |
| *Valimai (Te)* | : 12.05 pm |
| *Aadavallu Meeku Johaarlu (Te)* | : 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | : 3:05 pm, 10.00 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | : 3.35 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Bheemla Nayak (Te)* | : 6.35 pm |
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | : 6.45 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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|---|---|
| *Ek Love Ya (K)* | (S-1) 10.30 am, 1.30 pm; (S-2) 6.45 pm |
| *Aghora (K)* | (S-1) 4.30 pm |
| *Yellow Board (K)* | (S-1) 6.40 pm |
| *Old Monkk (K)* | (S-1) 9.30 pm |
| *Aadavaallu Meeku Joharlu (Te)* | (S-2) 10.30 am, 1.15 pm |
| *Love Mocktail 2 (K)* | (S-2) 4.00 pm |
| *Lisa (K)* | (S-2) 9.45 pm |
| *The Batman (E)* | (S-3) 10.45 am, 2.45 pm, 6.10, 9.30 pm |
| *Bettada Daari (K)* | (S-4) 10.30 am |
| *Kanneri (K)* | (S-4) 12.55 pm |
| *Hey Sinamika (Ta)* | (S-4) 3.20 pm |
| *Jhund (H)* | (S-4) 6.10 pm, 9.30 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

# Women achievers felicitated

Mysuru, Mar. 9- Janani Seva Trust, as part of International Women's Day celebration and the 12th death anniversary of former MCC Corporator late K. Kamalamma, felicitated the following women achievers at a programme organised at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city on Mar. 7:

Dr. Manik Bengeri (Culture Spokesperson of Mysuru), Shashikala Ashok (Women Cultural Ambassador), Mallige Machamma (Senior Reporter), Pramila Kunwar (73rd Republic Day NCC Parade Commander), Ramamani (Senior Nurse), B. Manjula (Anganwadi Worker), Kavitha (ASHA Worker), Gayathri (Pourakarmika), Neelamma (Grave Digger), Ashwini Helawar (Traffic Police Constable), S. Lakshmi (Post Woman) and M. Shobha (Auto Driver).

There were distributed with Rs. 5 lakh worth accident insurance bond and jasmine plant.

Earlier, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal, writer and Director of Dr. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation Dr. Leela Prakash, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, CSI Church Father Rev. Victor, Moulvi Mohammed Ziaullahkhan, Adam Khanwa Masjid and Janani Seva Trust President Dr. M.K. Ashok offered floral tributes to a portrait of K. Kamalamma. On the occasion, Sowmya and Ramya played the trumpet.

M. Veenashree, Neval, Neha, Kumar Gowda, Sanjay, Srinivas (Rakhi), industrialist Nandita, Reshma Kumar and other Trust Members were present.

***Mysuru City Women's Congress celebrated Women's Day by felicitating women Loco Pilots, TTs and staff of various departments at Mysuru City Railway Station yesterday. Loco Pilots Adhira, Sai Banu, Sangeetha, Neenu Movie, Bindu and Krishnaveni and a few women TTs were felicitated on the occasion by women Congress leaders under the leadership of City Women Congress President Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna. Former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli, leaders Veena, Chandrakala, M.A. Kamala Anant Ramu, Nagaratna, Rajeshwari, Shanti, Mangala, Hema, Sindhu, Manjula, Kumuda and others were present.***

***Commemorating the International Women's Day celebrations with the theme "Break The Bias", Mysuru Yuva Balaga had organised a programme at Kollapuradamma Temple premises on Narayana Shastry Road in city on Mar. 7 to felicitate women achievers from various fields — Harikatha Vidushi Dr. Malini - (Music field), 73rd Republic Day NCC Parade Commander Pramila Kunwar (Sports), Vidyaranyapuram grave digger Neelamma (Social service), music scholar and teacher Sudhamani Murthy (Music and Education), Government High School teacher Revathi (Education), ventriloquist and magician Suma Rajkumar (Social service), Yoga teacher Rachana (Yoga) and Nurse Mamatha (Corona Warrior). The achievers were honoured with a shawl, garland, Mysore Peta and a memento. Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, MUDA Member Naveen Kumar and others were present.***

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